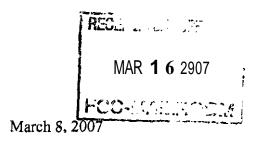


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Mr. Kevin Martin, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Room 8B-201 Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

I write to endorse and offer my support for the universal, free wireless Internet access proposal currently under review by the Federal Communications. Commission. I believe the cultivation of this system is vital to the continued success of our economic growth and prosperity.

Access to the Internet is no longer a luxury—it is a necessity which is particularly helpfu to less affluent citizens who can use the Internet as a means to access educational and vocational opportunities otherwise beyond their reach. Moreover, universal access would bring the United States in line with other nations already making significant strides in this area. It represents the next step in the evolution of our communications infrastructure and it is a necessary progression if we are to remain dominant into the future.

Thank you **for** your consideration of my thoughts on this matter. Please contact me if I may provide any additional information or assistance.

> Very truly_your ROBERT A. DeLEO . Secretary to the second

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